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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2007, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until June 9, 2007.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by two months from the mailing of the Final Office Action, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee, including any necessary extension of time and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.